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1. DURINYSCALL ON MINISTER OKUMBA, CHARGED WITH FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, A FEW MINUTES AGO (MORNING APRIL 4) OKUMBA
STATED THAT DECISION WHETHER PRESIDENT BONGO WILL GO TO
NEW YORK FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 9 NOT YET TAKEN.
GABONESE STPZL ENDEAVORING TO FIND OUT WHAT OTHER CHIEFS
OF STATE WILL ATTEND AND FINAL DECISION BY PRESIDENT
BONVX WILL DOUBTLESSLY DEPEND ON INFORMATION RECEIVED.
OKUMBA TOLD MEMGHAT HE HAD POSED QUESTION TO VARIOUS ARAB
GOVERNMENTS HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED AND HAD BEEN TOLD
THAT IT UNLIKELY ANY CHIEFS OF STATE (OF COUNTRIES OKUMBA VISITED)
WOULD PROCEED TO NEW YORK BUT MERELY SEND THEIR MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR OIL MATTERS ACCOMPANIED PERHAPS BY FOREIGN
MINISTER. OKUMBA ADDED THAT GABONESE NOT EVEN AWARE
WHETHER PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WHO HAD INSTIGATED OIETING
WOULD ATTEND IN PERSON.

2. IN ANY CASE, PRESIDENT BONGO COULD NOT ARRIVE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. BEFORE APRIL 7 AT VERY EARLIEST INASMUCH AS HSIS

DEPARTING (ACCORDING TO OKUMBA) EARLY TOMORROW MORNING APRIL 5 FOR PARIS TO ATTEND SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT POMPIDOU ON APRIL 6.

3. LIST OF GABONESE WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED VISAS FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING CONFERENCE BEING SENT VIA SEPTEL.

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